

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



'As we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.' 2 Corinthians 4:18

Hopefully you will all have had time now to admire the amazing Spirituality poster that Emerald Class with Miss Kelleher have created. Please do take the time to read the delightful pupil messages and illustrations depicting what spirituality means to them. To make conversations about spiritual flourishing more accessible to every member of our school community, St. John's Church of England Primary School has chosen to use the following shared understanding of spirituality and spiritual development ...

Look up! Look down! Look all around!

We understand spirituality as the connection between our inner selves, with God and with everyone around us. It is something we feel but cannot touch! Cultivating a healthy spirituality is a journey we take through our vision. We look up as we draw strength and guidance from the Bible and Christian practices, grounding us in our beliefs and spirituality. We look down as we explore the world around us with wonder and appreciation, while also reflecting on our experiences to build resilience and courage, and to ponder life's deeper questions. We look all around as we seek to understand the impact and meaning of our lives on others. It is this impact on others that we as the entire community of St. John's, hope we make a real difference.

This leads me on to talk about our final fundraising activity that will take place next Friday the 7th February in aid of funding the Protected Spring in Uganda. We are calling it a Numbers' Day and want to see all pupils expressing their creative skills by dressing up as a number. In keeping with our sustainability drive across the entire school community, we would like every pupil to reuse and recycle by creating their own outfit for the day. We would appreciate all donations via the donate button on the website or £2 at the gate on Friday. School Council will be collecting the donations at the gate. Please make every effort to support this initiative as so far it has been a fantastic response and has impacted so many lives in Uganda.

The following meetings and events will be taking place this term:

Date	Activity	Time
7/2/25	Numbers Day – dress up as a number, fundraising to complete the total of £1,400 for the Protected Spring	8.45am
14/2/25	Catriona Fathers' Writing Competition Awards during Celebration Assembly Confirmation/Holy Communion Service led by The Rt. Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah – parents/carers are most welcome to attend at St. John's Church	9am 2pm
28/2/25	Meeting for Manor Adventure Residential Trip in June 2026 for the current Year 5 and Year 4 pupils	2.30pm
3/3/25	Parents' Evening meetings—no children allowed	3pm – 6.20pm
4/3/25	Parents' Evening Meetings—no children allowed	3pm - 5.20pm
5/3/25	Ash Wednesday Service	2pm
18/3/25	Great Debate for Yr.5 & Yr. 6 pupils	4pm – 6pm
26/3/25	Final swimming session for Diamond Class	10.30am – 12.15pm

Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend! Best wishes, Mrs. Notley



Week Beginning Monday 3 February 2025

Monday

8.00am Breakfast Club
 3.00-4.00pm Netball Club (KS2)
 3.00-4.00pm Arts & Crafts (Recep, Sapphire Class)

Tuesday

8.00am Breakfast Club
 3.00-4.00pm Football Club (KS2)
 3.00-4.00pm Yoga Club (Recep, Year 1, 2 & 3)

Wednesday

8.00am Breakfast Club
 During school Keyboard
 During school Recorder
 3.00-4.00pm Football (Recep, Sapphire Class)
 3.00-4.00pm Choir Club (KS2 & Year 2)
 3.00-4.00pm Pathways (KS2 & Year 2)

Thursday

8.00am Breakfast Club
 3.00-4.00pm Tennis Club (KS2)
 3.00-4.00pm Activities Club (Recep, Sapphire Class)
 3.00-4.00pm Jiu-Jitsu (KS2 & Year 2)

Friday

**Fundraising for the Protected Spring in Uganda—
 pupils dressing up as a number**

8.00am Breakfast Club
 8.00am Rugby Club (KS2)

Please remember that any of these dates
 may alter because of changing
 circumstances.
 On INSET days the school is closed
 to pupils.

SPRING 2025

Starts Tuesday 7 January
 Half-term Monday 17 February to
 Friday 21 February
 Ends (1.00pm) Friday 4 April
 INSET DAY Monday 6 January

SUMMER 2025

Starts Tuesday 22 April
 Half-term Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May
 Ends (1.00pm) Tuesday 22 July
 INSET DAY Monday 30 June
 Bank Hols Monday 5 May

NOTICES

Attendance for the week

DIAMOND CLASS have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 3 February in recognition of their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	91.9%
Sapphire	95.5%
Diamond	97.4%
Emerald	93.3%
Overall	94.5%



Jewellery

Please note that Jewellery is not allowed in school only unless it is studs for ear piercings or a sensible watch.

Sports' News

On Wednesday 29th we played St. John's Prep in a tough football game.

When we got there the pitches were soaking wet but we still endured. In the first half it was a tricky battle and there were no goals for both teams. It was really hard due to the senior school coming and chanting, trying to overwhelm us.

In the second half, we came back with more aggression with all the positions working hard and after persevering throughout the half we came off the pitch winners, 4-0. Our coach, Mr Pople, messaged Mr Law and said it was the best team performance so far this season.

Well done to Emmanuel for his goals and Laurence for his player of the match performance. On to the next round!!

INFORMATION

Absent Procedures

Please may we remind parents/carers of the following if your child is absent.

- Please telephone or email the school office on the morning your child is absent.
- On the return of your child's absence a letter with an explanation needs to be brought into school or you can email the school with the reasons.
- If your child is absent for more than 3 days then we do require medical evidence, otherwise this will be an unauthorised absence.

Spare School Uniform Shop

Nearly new school uniform shop run by a collaboration between St. John's School staff and parents. Any items required please send a text message to 07985 467 033, stating the item you require and size. You will receive a confirmation text to collect the item and can make a payment on ParentPay under Item Name 'Donation to St. John's'

Breakfast Club

- Starts at 8.00am (please do not bring children any earlier, they will not be allowed in)
- Please ring the Breakfast Club bell
- If you require breakfast for your child, please ensure you are at school by 8.10am
- Breakfast Club account should always be in credit (either weekly, monthly or termly) £4.00 per day
- Any changes to the days your child is attending, please leave a message on the Breakfast Club line.

Nursery Admissions Sept 2025

- Complete our supplementary forms, which can be found on the school website or collect them from the school office.
- Return the supplementary forms to the school office as soon as possible.

RUBY CLASS

This week, Ruby Class has been buzzing with imagination and excitement as we explored the inspiring story *Change Sings*. As part of the whole school's focus for the Catriona Fathers Writing Award, the children worked as a team to create a large-scale painting of "our perfect world." Their masterpiece featured ice cream trees, oceans of rainbows, and skies filled with lollipop rainclouds. They even included our school and church—a beautiful reflection of how St. John's is becoming such a special place in their hearts.

In maths, we've been diving deeper into our understanding of numbers to ten with lots of interactive and practical activities. Taking advantage of yesterday's sunshine, we moved our learning outdoors, where the children had a wonderful time reading 1:1 in the fresh air.

Although we've had a few coughs and sneezes going around, Ruby Class has kept their spirits high and their smiles shining.

We couldn't be prouder of their enthusiasm and resilience this week! ✨

Best wishes, Miss Kelleher, Ms Dall'Aglio & Mrs Dall'Aglio mimi.kelleher@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

SAPPHIRE CLASS

It has been wonderful to see the children engaged and enjoying their learning!

English – As part of Catriona's writing competition, the children in Sapphire Class are working hard to prepare a powerful speech/song all about changing the world into a better place. We have been practising the song that we have composed together, which has been a fantastic process! It has required skilful writing with lots of interesting adjectives, noun phrases, command verbs and careful punctuation. The children have been putting their creativity and teamwork to great use, and it has been truly inspiring to see how they are bringing this vision to life.

Maths – We have been exploring various strategies to record and interpret data, including tally charts, block diagrams and pictograms. The key mathematical vocabulary for this unit includes *data*, *compare*, *most*, *most popular*, *least*, and *difference*. Please encourage your child to explain what they have been learning—this will help build their skills in explanation and develop their reasoning abilities. They will gain confidence by explaining their thinking.

Science – Sapphire are learning about 'Everyday materials', they are learning to identify, classify and describe the everyday materials around them, such as wood, plastic, metal, glass and fabric, as well as exploring their sources, manufactured and natural.

Religious Education – As part of our RE unit on Christian promises to God, we re-enacted the religious rite of baptism, with the children taking on different roles. This activity helped them better understand the concept of baptism and the transformation it signifies in the Christian faith. Emmanuel from Emerald Class also was invited to share his personal experience, as he was recently baptised, adding a meaningful connection to the lesson.

In **PSHE**, we are currently developing our understanding of 'Goals and Targets' in life, exploring how to set them and how realistic they can be. This is helping the children think about their aspirations and the steps needed to achieve them. **Geography**, In Geography, we are learning about arable and pastoral farming as part of our unit on *where our food comes from*. This is helping the children understand where different types of food originate and how they are produced.

Ms Chebbi, Mrs. Hargate & Mrs. Hocyk asma.chebbi@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

DIAMOND CLASS

We are just over halfway through the academic year now and time is flying by! Every day I can see Diamond Class growing in all areas of school life and it is great to see.

This week in English we have been looking at an amazing book by the USA's first youth poet laureate, Amanda Gorman. She has shared a message about the importance of working together to change the world. What is so special about this book is that all classes are doing it too, so we are all working together for a brighter future. The children have enjoyed thinking of ways to make the world better including planting trees and turn off lights when we aren't using them.

In Maths, we have been investigating properties of 2-D shapes and making sure to practise our ruler skills. We found out there is often more than one way to draw a shape by changing the length of the sides or angles.

The children loved Art on Monday. We got to explore the medium of clay, and we have created the top of our sarcophagus using many different techniques. We will carry on next week, having a go at creating the bottom.

We have also been exploring the inside of a laptop in Computing, investigating all the different components and their functions. These have been tricky to get our heads around, but the children have come up with actions to help them remember them which is fantastic. We also looked into Online Safety and how we should be behaving online. We learnt what to do if there is something that is not right (Stop, Leave, Tell).

I was very impressed by those children who have completed their TTR over the weekend, I set the children a challenge to see who would reach the top of the leaderboard over the weekend to help boost engagement. I will be running that going forward as it was great to see some new rockstar faces on my display.

If there are any questions do not hesitate to get in touch. TTR and MyMaths is set as usual.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Anderson & Miss Ozgen lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

EMERALD CLASS

Four school weeks into the new half-term and the children are displaying really great focus and commitment to their learning. I was exceptionally pleased with all of the year 6 children who attended our booster session on Wednesday. We were really able to iron some of the challenges the children were facing with their arithmetic, including the age-old classics - long division and finding percentages of amounts. By the end of the session the children had really grown in confidence but we will keep re-visiting this so that they are sure about the concepts.

In design and technology, we have been continuing with our topic based on musical instruments. Next Monday, 3rd February is a big afternoon as the children will be bringing together all of their knowledge and planning and creating/making their masterpiece. This means everybody needs to be armed with all of their recyclable resources which will enable them to follow their plan and construct their instrument.

In history we have continued studying the Tudors. The children are constantly asking for the Henry VIII song about his wives but it is a great way to remember their fate- divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived!

Please watch out next week for permission slips as we have a tag rugby tournament a week on Monday and a football tournament the next day.

Hope you have a relaxing weekend and England are successful against our Irish counterparts in the rugby.

Mr Law & Mr Pople joe.law@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

St. John's C.E. Primary School

Academic Year 2025-2026

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Autumn Term: Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025
Half Term 27 October – 31 October
 Inset days Thursday 23 October, Friday 24 October Monday 3 November & Friday 28 November 2025

Spring Term: Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026
Half Term 16 February - 20 February

Summer Term: Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026
Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May
 Inset day Monday 20 July 2026

St. John's C.E. Primary School Spare School Uniform Shop



St. John's Primary School are proud to launch our school uniform shop with the aim of: preserving resources, eliminating waste and reducing our carbon emissions – all contributing to a more sustainable school and world.

We can't make this work without you! You can help by making your school uniform purchases from our nearly new school uniform shop. You can also help by donating any St. John's School uniform.

- For purchases, simply send a text message to 07985 467 033.
- Just state the item you require and size.

You will receive a confirmation text to collect the item and can make a payment on ParentPay under Item Name, Donation to St. John's. Simple.

All items are priced at only £2

Many items are brand new with tags, or nearly new; ready to be worn. Please enquire, it's quick, easy and can save you money.

Items in stock in various sizes:

PE Jacket / PE white polo / Blue School Jumper
Blue School Cardigan / Grey School Pinafore / Grey School Skirt
Grey School Trousers / St. John's Tie / St. John's Book Bag

The uniform shop is run by a collaboration between St. John's School staff and parents. Proceeds from uniform sales will support St. John's School and pupils. We thank you for your continued support.



At
St John's Church
Strayfield Road
9:00am
Every 2nd Sunday of the Month

Come
And See



At
St Luke's Church
10:00am
Every First Sunday of the
Month

Come
And See

Does your child find it difficult to attend school for emotional reasons?



Join the Educational Psychology Service for a new interactive online workshop designed for parents and carers.

This year, we are introducing case discussions to provide practical, solution-focused support for families experiencing challenges with emotionally based school non-attendance (EBSNA).

In this session, we will:

- ▶ Collaboratively reflect on current challenges with other parents and carers.
- ▶ Explore practical, solution-focused ways to support children and young people experiencing EBSNA
- ▶ Share strategies that have worked well for families
- ▶ Consider how to engage effectively with schools to support your child
- ▶ Identify what help and support are available
- ▶ Connect with others in a safe and supportive space.

[Sign up here](#)

SESSION 1
Monday 17th March 2025
1.30pm-2.30pm

SESSION 2
Monday 31st March 2025
1.30pm-2.30pm

For more information, please email
eps@enfield.gov.uk

www.enfield.gov.uk



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DATE LIST FOR SPRING TERM 2025		
FEBRUARY		
7/2	Fundraising for Protected Spring—dressing up as a number—donation of £2 Protected Spring account on ParentPay	
14/2	Catriona Fathers' Writing Competition Awards during Celebration Assembly	9.00am
14/2	Confirmation/Holy Communion Service led by The Rt. Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah – parents/carers are most welcome to attend at St. John's Church	2.00pm
17/2-21/2	Half-Term	
28/2	Meeting for Manor Adventure Residential Trip in June 2026 for the current Year 5 and Year 4 pupils	2.30pm
MARCH		
3/3	Pathways Assembly – parents are welcome	9.00am
3/3	Parents' Evening—no children allowed	
4/3	Parents' Evening—no children allowed	
5/3	Ash Wednesday Service	2.00pm
6/3	World Book Day—Lunch Celebration	
18/3	Easter Experience—Ruby Class	11.30am
18/3	Easter Experience—Sapphire Class	1.30am
18/3	Great Debate for Yr.5 & Yr. 6 pupils	4.00pm— 6.00pm
20/3	Easter Experience—Emerald Class	1.30am
21/3	Easter Experience—Diamond Class	1.30am
26/3	Final Swimming Session for Diamond Class	
26/3	Easter Concert for EYFS & KS1	2.00pm
31/3	After School Clubs finish for the Spring Term	
31/3	Collective Worship for parents of Emerald Class in the school hall	9.00am
APRIL		
1/4	Collective Worship for parents of Diamond Class in the school hall	9.00am
2/4	Collective Worship for parents of Sapphire Class in the school hall	9.00am
2/4	Easter Concert for KS2 – Bishop Anderson attending with Stephen Taylor	2.00pm
3/4	Collective Worship for EYFS parents in Ruby Class	9.00am
4/4	Finish for the Easter holidays Reception Class to be collected at 12.45pm Sapphire Class to be collected at 12.50pm Diamond Class to be collected at 12.55pm Emerald Class to be collected at 1pm	
22/4	Start of the Summer Term	8.45am